CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive #200. Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (NPDES NO. CA CA0082546)

For

STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION SIERRA CONSERVATION CENTER WATER TREATMENT PLANT TUOLUMNE COUNTY

The State of California, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, is the owner and operator of the Sierra Conservation Center Water Treatment Plant (Facility), a drinking water treatment system located at 5100 O'Byrnes Ferry Road, Jamestown, California. The Facility provides potable water to an inmate population of about 6,000. During dry weather periods filter backwash water is disposed via spray irrigation on four acres adjacent to the Facility. During wet weather periods when land application is not feasible, filter backwash water from the Facility is discharged to a drainage channel that flows approximately 100 yards through a neighboring property to Shotgun Creek, which is a tributary to Tulloch Reservoir and the Stanislaus River, waters of the United States.

Discharges from the Facility are currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2007-0117, issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) on 14 September 2007. An Order is proposed to renew the NPDES permit. The proposed Order includes effluent limits for pH, dichlorobromomethane, aluminum, chlorine residual, iron, manganese, acute and chronic whole effluent toxicity, settleable solids, and total suspended solids. Time Schedule Order R5-2012-0095, adopted by the Central Valley Water Board on 4 October 2012, provides compliance schedules for aluminum, iron, and manganese with compliance required by 1 September 2013.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE:

11/12 April 2013

TIME:

8:30 a.m.

PLACE:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Room

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

State of California, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the

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Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m.** on **22 February 2013**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m.** on **22 February 2013**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m.** on **22 February 2013** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions regarding the hearing item should contact Ms. Dania Jimmerson at (916) 464-4642 or djimmerson@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the tentative Order and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The final meeting agenda will be available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/ at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the specific date the Board Meeting will be held for this item, indicate the anticipated order of all agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order(s).

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

KENNETH D. LANDAU, Assistant Executive Officer